

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Thursday, 5 March 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [] Amory and []

Mr. Dulles:

a. Asked for suggestions to effect complete coordination within the Agency in regard to Stalin's illness. Mr. Wisner noted that [] were personally working on the problem and discussions had been held with [] of PSB and in some instances representatives of the Department of State. Mr. Becker gave the Director a memorandum from [] and the [] on this subject, and after some discussion Mr. Dulles asked that: (1) sufficient copies of this memorandum be prepared for dissemination to the members of PSB at today's luncheon; (2) DD/P provide him with a one-page memorandum outlining what "we think" of the Stalin situation; (3) a small committee be established composed of representatives from ONE, OCI and DD/P, to pull together and organize information on the "Stalin Situation"; (4) consideration be given to dispatching cables [] giving them policy guidance in connection with Stalin and noted that he (DCI) would in all probability have further ideas on this after today's PSB Luncheon.

d. Briefly discussed his conversation with J. Edgar Hoover and noted it could not have been better. The Director subsequently stated he intended to prepare a memorandum for the record of this meeting.

f. Noted a cable from [] in regard to [] and stated he would send a reply.

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Mr. Wisner:

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Mr. Becker:

a. Raised the question of a CIA representative on the "Bush Disarmament Committee" and after some discussion the Director approved the designation of [redacted]

b. Noted that [redacted] had retired and the question of reimbursement for his services as Chairman of the Special Evaluation

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Mr. Becker (Continued):

Sub-Committee, NSC, had been raised. In this connection, Mr. Becker recalled a previous conversation with General Smith concerning payment of [] from CIA funds and noted that General Smith felt that the Agency should not be responsible. After some discussion, however, it was agreed that for the benefit of all concerned, [] should be reimbursed for his services by CIA.

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